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FROM: AMBASSADOR STOESEL, MOSCOW - 076
TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT, WHITE HOUSE
REF: WH 42554

1. I PERSONALLY DELIVERED REVISED LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO GENERAL ANTONOV THIS MORNING AUGUST 30 AT KREMLIN. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF SECRETARY'S THOUGHTFULNESS. HE SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE HAD NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN PERSONALLY OFFENDED BY FAILURE RECEIVE INVITATION TO PRESIDENT'S DINNER; HE FELT WHOLE MATTER REPRESENTED "ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT" WHICH REALLY WAS INSIGNIFICANT. HOWEVER, HE CLEARLY WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY SECRETARY'S PERSONAL INTEREST AND ASKED THAT I CONVEY HIS WARM REGARDS, APPRECIATION AND HIGH RESPECT TO THE SECRETARY.

2. ANTONOV SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING SECRETARY IN MOSCOW IN OCTOBER AND ASSURED ME SECRETARY COULD COUNT ON SAME DEGREE OF HOSPITALITY AND CORDIALITY AS IN PAST. HE INQUIRED PARTICULARLY AS TO WHETHER MRS. KISSINGER WOULD BE COMING AND SAID SOVIET SIDE WOULD WISH EXTEND EVERY COURTESY TO HER IN EVENT SHE ACCOMPANIES SECRETARY OR IF SHE COMES ON SEPARATE VISIT AT SOME POINT.

3. ANTONOV DISCOURSED AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT CERTAIN PROBLEMS SOVIETS HAD EXPERIENCED WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE PARTIES IN PAST WHICH HE HOPED COULD BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE. I WILL FILL YOU IN ON THIS WHEN, AS I HOPE, I SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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State Dept. review
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***** WHSR COMMENT *****

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